GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3389
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2016
Consumer Awareness in Karnataka
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary consumer organisations functioning in various States of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
(b) whether the Government has provided assistance to such organisations during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has received some complaints regarding misuse of funds by these organisations during the said period and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted a detailed plan for undertaking Consumer Awareness activities in the State and if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
(e) whether the State has sought any financial assistance for the purpose and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

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(a) No such information is maintained by this Department.
(b) Financial assistance is provided to eligible Voluntary Consumer Organizations (VCO)/Institutions/State Governments from the Consumer Welfare Fund in accordance with the provisions contained in the Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF) Rules, 1992 and Consumer Welfare Fund Guidelines, 2014. A list of VCOs which were provided assistance during the last 3 years along with details of grants provided is enclosed at Annexure-I.
(c) Some complaints have been received, a list of which is enclosed at Annexure-II. But no incidence of misappropriation/misuse of funds by any VCO has been established so far.
(d)&(e) No, Madam. However, this Department has provided financial assistance of Rs.7.50 crore during the year 2013 to the Government of Karnataka as centre's share towards setting up a corpus fund of Rs.10.00 crore in the State, the interest generated from which could be utilized to fund the local agencies/organizations for undertaking consumer welfare activities.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3389 FOR 06.12.2016 REGARDING CONSUMER AWARENESS IN KARNATAKA.

GRANTS RELEASED TO VCOS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-2014
FROM CONSUMER WELFARE FUND

Sl.No. Name of State Name of Institution/Organization/VCO's Grant Released
(in Rs.)
1. Assam M/s East Zone Sports & Games Development Association, Assam 5,00,000
2. J&K M/s Rural Artisans Welfare Society 5,00,000
3. Karnataka M/s Mega Rural Development Society 5,00,000
M/s Raghavendra Trust for Education and Environmental Action for Needs (RTEEAN) 4,50,000
4. Kerala Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation SUPPLYCO, Kochi 1,50,00,000
5. Maharashtra M/s Bahujan Hitaya Bahujan Sukhaya Bahuuddeshiya Prasarak Mandal Ruddha 5,00,000
M/s Laxmibai Sevabhavi Gram Vikas Mandal 2,00,000
6. Manipur M/s Wangjing Woman and Girls Society (WWAGS) 5,00,000
7. Nagaland M/s Ayolta Human Resources Orangking Village 15,00,000
M/s V.Kikhi Welfare Society 10,00,000
M/s Association for Development of Society 500,000
Voluntary Organisation in Interest of Consumer Education (VOICE) Society 1,00,000
M/s Seeking Modern Application for Real Transformation, "Mewat Radio" 10,00,000
M/s Society for advancement of villagers employment and rehabilitation of all (SAVERA) 25,00,000
Federation of Indian chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi, High (HLG) 15,00,000
8. Uttar Pradesh Consumer Coordination Council (CCC), CORE, Noida 10,00,000

M/s Bundela Gramodyog Seva Sansthan 5,00,000
Consumer Online Resource & Empowerment, (CORE) 15,00,000
9. Uttarakhand M/s Mounda Dhunpur Kalyan Samati 5,00,000
GRANTS RELEASED TO VCOS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-2015
FROM CONSUMER WELFARE FUND
Sl.No. Name of State Name of Institution/Organization/VCO's Grant Released (in Rs.)
1 Tamilnadu CONCERT 40,00,000
2 Gujarat CERC, Ahmadabad 25,00,000
CERC, Ahmadabad 25,00,000
3 Maharashtra Council For Fair Business Practices (CFBP), Mumbai 6,00,000
HEALIS, Mumbai 75,00,000
VOICE 40,00,000
Consumer Online Foundation 6,00,000
SAVERA 25,00,000
4 Uttar Pradesh Consumer Co-ordination Council (CCC), Noida, U.P 25,00,000
Consumer Co-ordination Council (CCC), Noida, U.P 3,50,000
5 Uttarakhand Mounda Dhunpur KalyanSamati, Dehradun 5,00,000

GRANTS RELEASED TO VCOS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-2016
FROM CONSUMER WELFARE FUND
Sl. No. State Name of Institution/Organization/VCO's Grant Released
(in Rs.)
1. Bihar SAVERA, (GSK-Patna), New Delhi 26,10,000
2. Delhi Federation of Indian Electronic Commererce & Industry (FIECI), Delhi 2,80,000
3. Gujarat CERC (GSK-Ahmedabad), Gujarat 26,10,000
CERC, Gujarat 20,00,000
CERC, Gujarat 17,00,000
4. Karnataka M/s Karshan Technologies, (GSK)-Bangalore), New Delhi 26,10,000
Raghavendra Trust, Karnataka 4,50,000
5. Maharashatra Mumbai Grahak Panchayat, Mumbai 60,000
Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), Mumbai 5,00,000
6. Manipur Manipur Women Coordination Council (MWCC), Imphal 5,00,000
7. Odisha Nari Mangal Mahila Samity, Odisha 5,00,000
8. Rajasthan CUTS, (GSK-Jaipur) 26,10,000
CUTS, Jaipur 10,00,000
9. Tamail Nadu CONCERT, Chennai 5,00,000
CONCERT, Chennai 24,04,000
10. Telangana NALSAR, Hyderabad 1,00,00,000
11. Uttar Pradesh Consumer Coordination Council, U.P. (Project − CORE) 15,00,000
Consumer Coordination Council, U.P. (Project − CORE) 2,50,000
12. West Bengal Bhavishya, West Bengal (GSK-Kolkata) 26,10,000

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3389 FOR 06.12.2016 REGARDING CONSUMER AWARENESS IN KARNATAKA.

Complaints Received Against Some VCOs

Sl. No.	complainant	Alleged Complaint	Action Taken
1	Sh. Harin Pathak, Member of Parliament(LS) Date: 21.07.2016	Irregularities in functioning of CERC, Ahmedabad.	Nothing adverse was found against CERC.
2	Sh. Harin Pathak, Member of Parliament(LS) Date: 21.07.2016 Forwarded by Shri Parshottam Rupala	Irregularities in functioning of CERC, Ahmedabad.	Nothing adverse was found against CERC.
3.	Shri Nitin Saxena	12.09.2015 VOICE Society, National Consumer Helpline, Consumer Online Foundation, Consumer Co-ordination Council etc.	Nothing adverse have been substantiated.
4.	Krishan Kumar Bajaj	Dated: 22.07.2016 Irregularities in functioning of CERC, Ahmedabad.	Nothing adverse was found against CERC.